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OF

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DAUGHTERS OF THE

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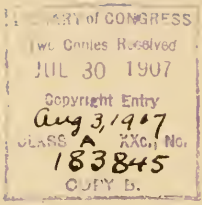

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From the shop and the farm and the forum,
From the cabin, the cot and the hall,
From the emigrants' camp in the forest,
They mustered at Liberty's call.

Gave, unstinting, their blood and their treasure
For manhood, and justice, and right,
Undismayed amid darkness and treason,
Fighting on into freedom and light.

Here's a tear to our grandsires' remembrance,
Here are thanks for their victory won,
Here's a hand to push on thro' the ages
The good work so grandly begun.

And here, on the site of Fort Stanwix,
Where "Old Glory" was first unfurled,
Is the vow of their "Daughters" devotion,
To the bonniest flag in the world.

MARY L. BISSELL, (1896.)

FORT STANWIX.

The construction of Fort Stanwix was commenced August 23, 1758, by the troops under Brigadier General Stanwix under an order from General Abercrombie and nearly completed in November of the same year, and was named in honor of General Stanwix. It was an unequal sided quadrilateral with bastions at the corners. Its circumference was 1,690½ feet—more than that of either Fort Edward or Fort William Henry. It was the second most costly fort built by the British Government in the colonies and cost £60,000. It was formed of earth and sod embankments with horizontal wooden pickets at the parapet and vertical ones in the center of the moat. Within the fort were the magazine, quarters for the men and a parade ground. The construction of the fort was for the purpose of guarding the Oneida Carrying Place, then unprotected by the destruction of Forts Bull and Williams.

On November 5, 1768, there was executed here a deed between the whites and Indians establishing a boundary line from the lower end of the Ohio

River to Wood Creek, the Indians to retain control of the territory north and west of the line. This deed was signed by the six chiefs of the confederacy of the Six Nations convened here by Sir William Johnson.

From the close of the French and Indian wars to the Revolutionary war the fort went into decay, but was repaired in 1777 by the troops of the Third New York Regiment under Col. Peter Gansevoort and Lieut. Col. Marinus Willett. The siege of the fort by St. Leger and his force of 1,600 regulars, tories and Indians was begun August 3, 1777, and lasted until August 22nd. Gansevoort's garrison numbered about 750 men. Willett's sortie from the fort, attracting, by the sound of the guns, the attention of the British at Oriskany, caused a diversion to be made to Fort Stanwix and helped make the battle of Oriskany one of the decisive battles of the Revolution.

Here between August 3 and 6, 1777, the Stars and Stripes were first unfurled in battle in Willett's famous sortie, the flag, as described in Willett's Narrative, being made from white ammunition shirts for the white stripes, from a camlet cloak taken from the enemy at Peekskill for the blue,

and from different pieces of stuff procured from one and another of the garrison for the red stripes.

On October 22, 1784, the Treaty of Fort Stanwix was made here between the chiefs and warriors of the Six Nations and commissioners of the United States. By this treaty the Indians relinquished claim to a large portion of the territory north of the line given in the deed of 1768. This was the first treaty made by the Six Nations with the United States after the Revolutionary War. Brant, Red Jacket and Cornplanter were present, as well as Lafayette.

Fort Stanwix went gradually into disuse and decay after the Revolutionary War and was entirely demolished soon after 1820,—but recently was carefully surveyed and marked by cannon placed near the four bastions by the Gansevoort-Willett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and by bronze tablets placed on the gun carriages by Fort Stanwix Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

CHARLES C. HOPKINS.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Singing.—America.

Regent.—Daughters, we meet as descendants of men and women who set the world a glorious example of lofty and unselfish patriotism. As we revere their lives and deeds, let us pledge ourselves anew to loyal service to the fatherland, to the upholding of its standard and the upbuilding of patriotic character.

Prayers.—No. 1 or No. 2 or No. 3.

No. 1.

O most powerful Lord God, blessed and only Potentate, who hast granted unto our country liberty, and established our Nation in righteousness by the people's will: Guide and direct the multitude whom Thou hast ordained in power, by Thy pure wisdom and Thy just laws; that their counsels may be filled with knowledge and equity, and the whole estate of the Commonwealth be preserved in peace, unity, strength and honour; that the people may prosper in freedom beneath an equal law, and our Nation may magnify Thy Name in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O thou Infinite Presence, be so vitally near us that all thoughts of thy remoteness shall fall away. When selfish and unloving we are shut from each other and from thee, O God, while the glowing heart of love brings thee out of the distant and the dim to the clear and near. The mists that cloud our vision are all within. Slowly down over the wearied world, unloosed by thy hand, falls the darkness; in this hour we would be conscious of the still working of thy power. Thine are the vast designs in which we would have our own disappear. Here and now we would put ourselves in communion with the heroic dead in the nation's past whose deposits of word and deed make up the background of life from which the hero is ever speaking to us in terms of patriotic devotion. This background of life, what is it but a broad garden in which thou hast planted many a flower. Yet to wander there in that past glory, breathing the perfume of bygone consecration, is not for us to serve our Country. To pedestal heroes in granite is not to be a hero oneself. We thank Thee for the great law of sacrifice, so woven into life, individual and national, and under it may we have found our place in the broad sacrament of human service. May the men and women

that we are yet to be, rise so steadily that what we now are may speedily cease to be. We ask that the past be so clearly interpreted as not to misguide us. May we not think that by going back to the fields skirted by receding duties, but by going on, obedient to the newly risen claim, do we find union with the hero. All heroes have the one same spirit, the dead, the living; may we have it too. O God, may no fervor of admiration over the courage of a forefather cover from our eyes our own moral timidity. Make us brave in the heroics of war, if need be, and in those of peace in their unending demand. Give to us the passive courage that bears, the active courage that dares. Reveal to us the limits of our faith and the possibilities of our devotion. As with the hero on the field, may we not be joyless in the presence of death. Like the voice of the thrush singing in the rain, may our confidence in Thee pour itself out under whatever change of circumstance. Renew within us the sense of triumph and of joy. Give unto us, O thou still and quiet God, the quiet mind and heart, especially when the winds of passion blow across the threshing floor of the nation and weak men lose their footing. May we not be lovers of fierce war, but embody in ourselves the beatitude of the peacemakers. May there fall upon us from this serv-

ice, as dew from perfumed herbs, joy and profit. May we glory in the republic and be such true friends of the people that the republic may glory in us. Hasten the day when all heroes shall shine in their true luster. Whether it be ours to shine or not we would have God's light shine through us, we keeping lowly for the upbuilding of his everlasting kingdom.

DR. H. H. PEABODY.

No. 3.

Our father's God! from out whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand,
We meet today, united, free,
And loyal to our land and Thee,
To thank Thee for the era done,
And trust Thee for the opening one.

Oh make Thou us, through centuries long,
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of Thy righteous law;
And cast in some diviner mould,
Let the new cycle shame the old!

WHITTIER.

Response.—(after each prayer) Amen.

Regent.—This nation is the product of the lives of earnest men with hearts stirred by noble principles and seeking freedom in their use. Three centuries ago, in the name of God, for the sake of right dearest to mankind, they left their own motherland and in their day of small things came here. For more than a century did these hardy colonists strive mid daily and nightly peril, in hunger and loneliness, against savage beasts and a more savage foe; until the wilderness was won and a chain of commonwealths forged which should through all time stand for righteousness, liberty and justice.

Response.—Our fathers trusted in Thee; they trusted and Thou didst deliver them.

Regent.—Then came a bitter struggle of years with rival foes for possession of the great central plain, yea, for the very soil they had found and made their homes; the land consecrated by their sufferings and sanctified by their buried dead; but in spite of foreign guile and savage craft, they met and overcame the alliance of French and Indian all along their forest frontier and at last established the sway of the Anglo-Saxon race o'er all our land.

Response.—The Lord hath strengthened the bars of thy gates, he hath blessed Thy children within thee.

Regent.—But soon was dimmed the joy of the common triumph over the enemies of foreign race and tongue. For the helping hand of the mother country became that of the oppressor and was lifted in harsh injustice against our patriot fathers. Petition, remonstrance, argument and entreaty were found to be in vain; and confident of the righteousness of their cause and believing all other resources to be of no avail and appealing to the Supreme Judge to defend the right, in the day of their extreme need they raised the banner of resistance and proclaimed to the world a solemn and momentous Declaration of Independence.

Response.—The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.

Regent.—With hardy valor they drew their swords and sheathed them not till they had won independence and their inalienable rights were secured to them by their own right hand, toiling and striving under the precious providence of God. With wisdom in council, with valor in conflict, amid pri-

vation, discouragement and distress, in spite of tory hate and sinister treachery, they poured forth their treasure and their blood as water, they endured wounds, torture and the lingering death of the prison-ships for the common safety. And from such soil blossomed the white flower of our freedom.

Response.—For the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Regent.—As the daughters of such sires and of those brave women whose tender eyes looked on and encouraged their deeds and who shared their sufferings, toil and sacrifices, let us strive to serve our fatherland and to arouse in every heart a pure and passionate love of country. Let us do our part in safeguarding with God's help a republic that shall stand unshaken as a stately and enduring fabric in which countless generations may come to the blessings of liberty regulated by law. As the homekeepers of this nation, let us cherish the purity and sweetness of our family life, maintaining there twin altars of piety and patriotism.

Invocation.—

"*Lord of the Universe! shield us and guide us,*
Trusting Thee always, through shadow and sun!
Thou hast united us, who shall divide us?
Keep us, O keep us the Many-in-one!"

Regent.—We, of this chapter, hold in special remembrance that little band of noble men and women, who, in the lonely frontier post, in the midst of a long and perilous siege, yet with the strong desire ever present in loyal hearts for the visible symbol of the principles for which they strive, fashioned out of homely materials their first flag. In the face of overwhelming numbers, amid danger and privation, the brave defenders of Fort Stanwix, made strong through their faith in the right and justice of their cause, proudly unfurled for the first time in battle the Stars and Stripes and won the victory.

Response.—Let us, their daughters, honor and uphold the flag they loved and the principles for which they were willing even to lay down their lives.

Regent.—

"God of our Fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine,
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet."

Response.—*"Lest we forget, Lest we forget."*

Singing.

BY-LAWS

of the

FORT STANWIX CHAPTER

of the

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name and Membership.

Section 1. The name of this Chapter shall be "Fort Stanwix Chapter" of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Sec. 2. The qualifications and requirements for membership in this Chapter shall be the same as provided by Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Sec. 3. Every applicant for membership must be endorsed by at least one member of the Local Chapter, and her application shall then be submitted to the Board of Management who shall pass on the same, and report thereon at a regular meeting.

Sec. 4. The applicant, after payment of the initiation fee and acceptance by the National Society, shall be enrolled as a member of this Chapter.

Sec. 5. All persons, whose applications are approved on or before April 19, 1896, shall be Charter Members of this Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

Object of the Chapter.

Section 1. The objects of this Chapter shall be the same as provided by Article II of the Constitution of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Chapter shall be Chapter Regent, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Board of Management, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot by a majority of the members present at the annual

meeting of the Chapter, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors shall be elected.

Sec. 3. The Board of Management shall consist of the regular officers of the Chapter and four members, two to be elected each year by ballot, at the annual meeting of the Chapter, for a term of two years each.

Sec. 4. All vacancies of officers, in the Board of Management or on Committees, shall be filled by appointment of the Chapter Regent, subject to the approval of the Board of Management.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held on May 10th.

Sec. 2. The regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held January 6, May 10, June 14 and October 19.

Sec. 3. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the Chapter Regent, or upon the written request of five members. Written notice shall be given all members of such special meetings.

Sec. 4. Eleven resident members of the Chapter in good and regular standing shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of this Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

Initiation, Dues and Liabilities.

Section 1. The sum of Three Dollars ($3.00), covering the initiation fee and the annual dues for the current year, must accompany each application presented to the Chapter.

Sec. 2. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of her indebtedness has been sent her, may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Management, but no one shall be dropped until after two notices of arrears shall have been given her.

Sec. 3. No debt or liability, except the ordinary current expenses of the Chapter, shall be incurred, nor any project or plan requiring the expenditure of money shall be entered into, for which the Chapter shall be responsible, except by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Management.

ARTICLE VI.

Nomination and Election of Officers.

Section 1. The nomination of officers shall be made from the floor and the election shall be by ballot.

Sec. 2. A majority vote of the members present shall elect.

ARTICLE VII.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The duties of the officers of the Chapter shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and shall not conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 2. They shall report at the annual meeting and at such other times as directed by the Board of Management.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Management.

The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all the correspondence of the Society, shall send out no-

tices of meetings, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board.

The Treasurer shall receive all dues for membership. She shall pay all bills when properly endorsed, send two notices to members who are delinquent in their dues, keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, keep a list of all members with the National numbers in which must appear all transfers, deaths, resignations, or changes in the membership from any cause; send promptly to the Treasurer General the dues and reports as prescribed by the National Society and the fees and dues of applicants for membership.

The Registrar shall keep a register of the names and dates of the admission of all members of the Chapter. She shall record removal, resignation, or death of any member, and shall notify the Registrar General and State Regent of the same. She shall apply to the Registrar General for and have care and custody of all application blanks. She shall furnish two application blanks to any woman who may apply for membership in the Chapter, and shall receive and examine the same when they have been properly filled out; certify to the Board of Management the names of all eligible applicants; forward to the Reg-

istrar General such applications as may be approved by the Chapter, at the same time sending to the Treasurer of the Chapter the fees and dues which must be received with each application.

ARTICLE VIII.

Order of Business.

Section 1. The order of business at a regular meeting shall be as follows:

1. Singing of America.
2. Responsive reading.
3. Roll call.
4. Reading and approving of minutes of previous meeting.
5. Reports of officers and standing committees.
6. Reports of special committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Election of officers.
11. Election of delegates and alternates to Continental Congress.

ARTICLE IX.

Privileges of Members.

Section 1. Any member of the Chapter who shall remove and establish her residence within the limits of any other Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, may receive from this Chapter a withdrawal and removal certificate on payment to the Chapter of all dues to the date of request for same.

Sec. 2. Any member of another Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who shall present to this Chapter proof of such membership and a certificate showing her regular withdrawal and removal from such other Chapter, and that she, at the time of such withdrawal and removal, was in good and regular standing in same, and shall bring certified copy of application papers, shall be entitled to become a member of this Chapter upon application therefor, and upon being accepted and reported upon as provided by Article I.

Sec. 3. Any member of another Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who shall be temporarily in the city, shall

be entitled to attend the meetings of this Chapter, upon satisfactory proof of her membership; but shall have no voice or vote in the proceedings.

ARTICLE X.

Discipline.

Section 1. Any member conducting herself, either at the Chapter meetings or elsewhere, in a way to disturb the harmony of the Chapter or to impair its good name or prosperity, or to injure the reputation of any member thereof, may, after thorough investigation by the Board of Management, be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Local Board of Management may decide.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments to By-Laws.

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Chapter, written notice thereof having been given at a previous regular meeting.

MEMBERS

of

FORT STANWIX CHAPTER,

DAUGHTERS OF

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Admitted.

1895.

Mrs. William H. Bright.
Miss Phebe H. Stryker.
Mrs. James H. Searles.

1896.

Mrs. Oswald P. Backus.
Miss S. Louise Wright.
Miss Cora M. Wright.
Mrs. Cyrus D. Prescott.
Mrs. Charles W. Ellis.
Mrs. Franklin A. Ethridge.
Mrs. James P. Soper.
Mrs. William F. Tremain.
Mrs. James E. Barnard.
Miss M. Elizabeth Beach.

Miss Sarah B. Hammond.
Miss Henrietta H. Wright.
Mrs. F. H. Relyea.
Mrs. Arthur W. Soper.
Mrs. James M. Ethridge.
Mrs. John H. Egar.
Mrs. Charles E. Wardwell.
Mrs. John D. Archer.
Mrs. C. C. Reid.
Mrs. Edward W. Cummings.
Mrs. Laura B. Haff.
Mrs. J. S. Haselton.
Mrs. George E. Bacon.
Mrs. M. R. Bingham.
Miss Marian Darrow.
Mrs. E. H. Leonard.
Mrs. T. J. Mowry.
Mrs. John D. McMahon.
Mrs. Burt Olney.
Mrs. Charles F. Sturdevant.
Miss Beulah Wright.
Mrs. Eugene A. Rowland.
Mrs. G. W. G. Kinney.
Mrs. Samuel H. Beach.
Mrs. John S. Wardwell.
Mrs. Alice J. Rowland.

Miss Charlotte Wager.
Miss Harriet Wager.
Mrs. William W. Wardwell.
Mrs. Edward Comstock.
Mrs. William R. Olney.
Mrs. George G. Bailey.

1897.

Miss Stella M. Haselton.
Miss Cora B. MacHarg.
Miss Eugenie Stevens.
Mrs. Eva S. McDowell.
Miss Elizabeth M. Flandrau.
Miss S. Anna Davis.
Miss Cora T. Davis.
Mrs. Susan V. D. Bowman.

1898.

Mrs. James T. Stone.
Mrs. Hubert Van Wagenen.

1899.

Mrs. Arthur J. Wylie.

1900.

Mrs. F. M. Hamlin.

1901.

Mrs. William R. Olney jr.

1902.

Mrs. Clara B. Lawton.
Mrs. L. G. Schneible.
Dr. Mary Armstrong.
Mrs. J. C. Stranahan.
Miss Lucy E. Barton.
Mrs. G. C. Hibbard.

1903.

Mrs. H. H. Cumings jr.
Mrs. George H. Smith.
Mrs. Sanford Adams.
Mrs. F. L. Wager.

1904.

Mrs. William H. Tuller.
Mrs. R. W. Jacobs.
Mrs. George B. Olney.

1905.

Mrs. E. L. Hinckley.
Mrs. Samuel E. Williams.
Mrs. E. C. Carpenter.
Miss Ella S. Johnson.

Mrs. E. E. Miles.
Mrs. George Clyde.

1906.

Mrs. George Barnard.
Mrs. Stoddard M. Stevens.
Mrs. Griffith Evans.
Miss Julia L. Doty.
Mrs. Charles H. Broughton.
Miss Helena Evans.
Mrs. Sidney Phelps.

1907.

Mrs. W. B. Bliss.
Mrs. A. C. Kessinger.
Miss Ida C. Wood.
Mrs. W. B. Reid.

IN MEMORIAM.

	Admitted.	Died.
Miss Mary L. Bissell	1896	1901
Miss Anna M. Wright	1896	1902
Mrs. Susan H. White	1896	1904
Mrs. Polly H. Vincent	1896	1899
Mrs. George A. Harrington	1896	1903
Mrs. Charles C. Hopkins	1896	1902
Mrs. Frances D. Mitchell	1896	1899
Mrs. Sarah U. Baker	1897	1900
Mrs. E. Stuart Williams	1898	1902
Mrs. M. M. Davis	1899	1899
Mrs. E. E. Coe	1901	1902

FORMER MEMBERS.

	Admitted	Resigned.
Mrs. Copeland Morton	1896	1905
Miss E. H. Hannahs	1896	1899
Mrs. E. B. Nelson	1896	1903
Miss Jessie B. White	1896	1901
Mrs. R. C. Briggs	1896	1905
Miss Harriet Hodges	1896	1897
Mrs. John G. Fitz Gerald	1897	1903
Mrs. Myron W. Hunt	1898	1901
Miss Susan MacHarg	1902	1905
Miss Jane A. Wright	1902	1906

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CHAPTERS.

	Admitted	Transferred.
Mrs. E. A. Willoughby	1897	1903
Mrs. William C. Ferrill	1897	1898
Mrs. J. A. Hubbard	1898	1903
Miss M. J. Tibbits	1900	1906
Mrs. Edwin D. Tucker	1904	1905

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